

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Rabbit Hill Inventory Number: CE-1546  
Address: 80 Bethel Road (MD 286) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Chesapeake City Zip Code: 21915-0184 County: Cecil  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Elkton  
Property Owner: Wendy Moran & Robert B. Biggs Tax Account ID Number: 018845  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 98 Tax Map Number: 43  
Project: MD 286 over Back Creek Agency: FHWA/SHA  
Agency Prepared By: Architectural Historian, SHA  
Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Date Prepared: 01/09/2006  
Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

According to the Cecil County Tax Records, Rabbit Hill has a construction date of 1940. However, the outline of the building appears on plan sheets for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposed water supply system for the sub-office on the south side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in 1939. In all likelihood, the building was renovated in 1940, following its initial construction in the 1920s. The building outline in the 1939 plan sheet indicates that the building had a rear addition at the south end of the main pile. In 2005, the building is three stories tall and has four bays. It is clad in aluminum siding with one exterior chimney, and a side gable asphalt shingle roof. There is one two story rear addition on the south side of the main pile. A one story side gable addition with a shed roof extension is on the east side of the main pile. A full width flat roof open porch with a balustrade on top of the roof extends along the east façade of the dwelling. On the west façade is a side gable, screen porch. The windows are double-hung sash windows that are replacements, as is the door and the French doors on the east side of the building.

The historic boundary will be confined to Tax Parcel 98 as shown on Cecil County Tax Map 43.

Although Rabbit Hill stands along MD 286, the causeway constructed by the USACE in 1932 to connect 2nd Street with the USACE facility to the northeast, research did not identify any associations between Rabbit Hill and either the C&D Canal or the

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**MHT Comments:**

*Tom Tomlinson*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
*Blumenthal*  
Reviewer, National Register Program

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USACE. The building is an example of a Colonial Revival style house from the first half of the twentieth century. The many porches around the house suggest the leisure quality of the building. However, the loss of original materials such as the weatherboard exterior and original windows has caused a loss of integrity of materials, workmanship, design and feeling. As a result, Rabbit Hill is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C (architecture). Research conducted did not identify events or persons of local, state or national significance and the property is not eligible under Criteria A or B. Criterion D was not investigated as part of the historic standing structures studies.

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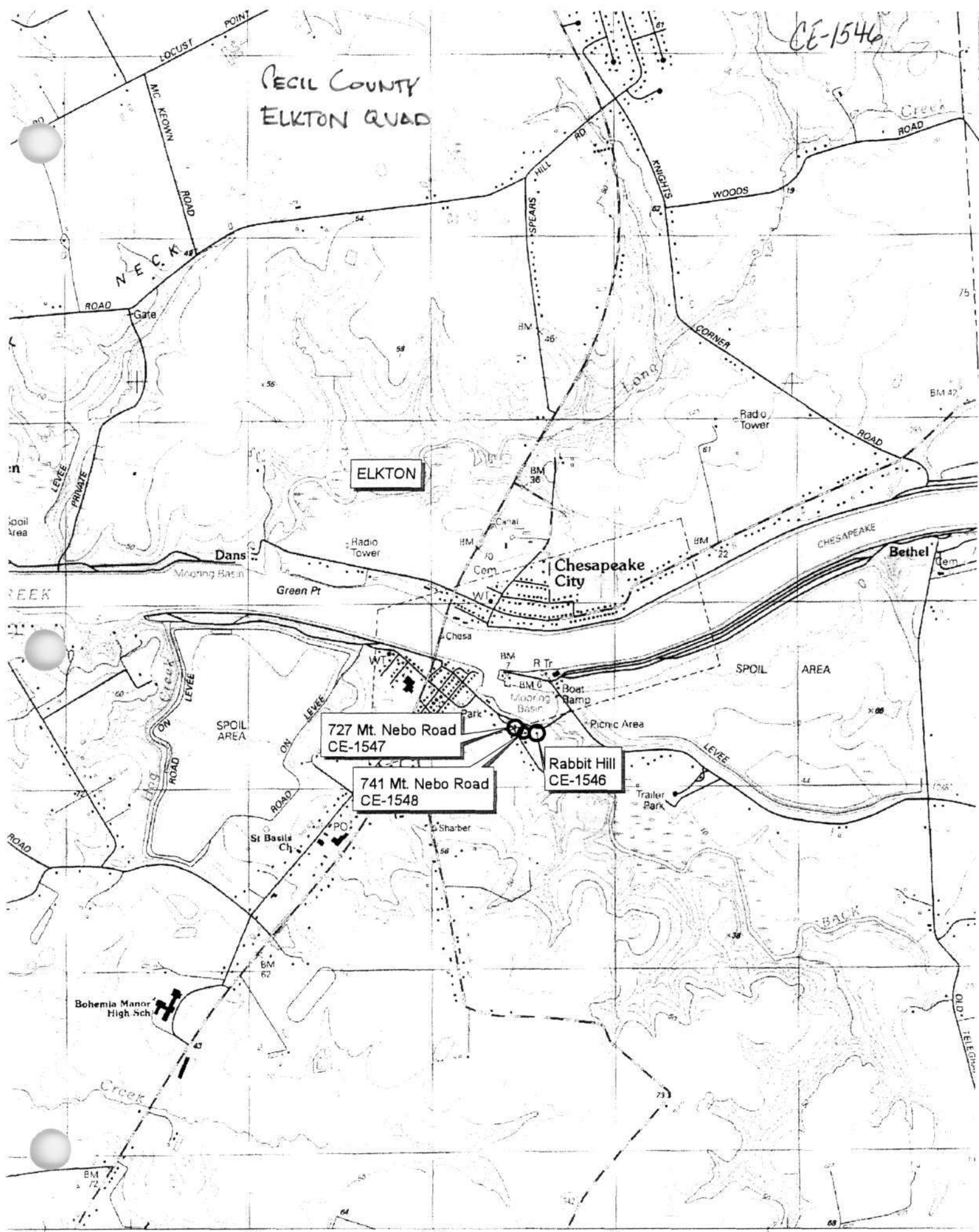
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